



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 154

April 15, 2013 - Introduced by Representatives SWEARINGEN, MURSAU, RIPP, NYGREN, SPIROS, T. LARSON, BEWLEY, WRIGHT, MURTHA, BIES, BALLWEG, A. OTT, BERNIER, JAGLER, CZAJA and SANFELIPPO, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI, TIFFANY, JAUCH and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 348.27 (9) (a) 1. b. of the statutes; **relating to:** annual or
2 consecutive month permits for vehicles or combinations of vehicles
3 transporting loads near the Wisconsin-Michigan border.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, with limited exceptions, no person may operate on a highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles (vehicle) that exceeds certain statutory limits on size, weight, or load unless that person possesses a permit issued by the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT may issue an annual or consecutive month permit (Michigan border permit) for an oversize or overweight vehicle to: 1) transport loads within 11 miles of the Wisconsin-Michigan state line; 2) transport certain forest products on USH 2 in Iron County or Ashland County or in Bayfield County from the Ashland County line through Hart Lake Road, if the vehicle is traveling between this state and Michigan and does not violate Michigan law, as of April 28, 2004; or 3) transport certain forest products on USH 2 from STH 13 in the city of Ashland through Hart Lake Road in Bayfield County, regardless of whether the vehicle is traveling between this state and Michigan.

This bill allows a vehicle operating under a Michigan border permit as provided in 2), above, to also operate in Florence County.

Because this bill concerns an exception to the vehicle weight limits specified in ch. 348, stats., the Department of Transportation, as required by law, will prepare a report to be printed as an appendix to this bill.

